



CITY OF SANTEE

Carpet and Upholstery Cleaning

It is illegal to discharge wastewater from cleaning activities to the storm water conveyance system.

Wastewater from carpet cleaning usually contains detergents, other potentially hazardous chemicals and extracted dirt and debris .

WHERE DOES IT GO?

All water that drains off of the streets, parking lots, driveways and sidewalks enters the storm water conveyance system and is discharged directly into the San Diego River completely untreated.

- ◆ Any wastewater poured into streets, gutters, or storm drain inlets will eventually make its way into waterways that support aquatic plants and animals. Carpet cleaning chemicals and other residues in carpet cleaning wastewater can damage ecosystems.
- ◆ Many carpet cleaning agents are toxic to aquatic plant and animal life.
- ◆ Residues from carpet cleaning can contribute to increase nutrient levels which will result in increased algal growth, which depletes the waterbody of oxygen.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?

Wastewater and residue from carpet cleaning must NEVER be discharged to any roadside gutter, parking lot drain, storm drain, curb inlet, drainage channel, or watercourse.

- ◆ Wastewater and residue from carpet cleaning should be discharged to a sanitary sewer connection such as a sink, floor drain, toilet, sewer clean-out, or septic tank.
- ◆ Clean or flush hoses to a vegetated or dirt area and let the water infiltrate the ground.
- ◆ Contain, control, and capture all wastewater or chemicals.

*For Further information on water quality and preventing pollution, visit
www.santeeh2o.org*

TO REPORT STORM WATER POLLUTION CALL 888-846-0800.